(c) All possible efforts including intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring are made to eliminate detentions which are within the control of the Railways.

Withdrawal of Trains in Saurashtra Region

2955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of trains originating from Rajkot and Bhavnagar Railway Divisions and number of narrow-gauge trains have been withdrawn in Saurashtra legion recently;

(b) if so, the names of those trains alongwith the reasons for their cancellation;

(c) what is the present status of narrow-gauge lines in above said divisions, as on date;

(d) whether there is any proposal to gauge conversion on narrow gauge line during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following trains were initially suspended due to water shortage. Subsequently these trains have been permanently cancelled w.e.f. 1.7.93 on the basis of review of their patronage:—

1. 277/278 Surcndra Nagar-Botad Passenger.
2. 313/314 Rajula City-Rajula Jn. Passenger.
3. 345/346 Jctalsar-Junagarh Fast Passenger.
4. 109/110 Ranuj-Kadi Mixed.
5. 249/250 Kalol-Randhcja Mixed.
6. 259/262 Mahcsanu-Viramgam Fast Passenger.
7. 141/142 Mahesana-Taranga Hill Fast Passenger.

(c) There are no narrow gauge lines on Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Late running of Suburban Train from Karjat

2956. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that early hour Suburban train leaving Karjat are never punctual due to inefficiency of Railway administration.

(b) whether it is a fact that irate passengers have resorted to rail roko for repeated recurrence of delay departure of Suburban trains from Karjat; and

(c) if so, whether Government are going to institute an enquiry into this incident to take appropriate action against involved persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was a Rail Roko agitation by commuters on 25.11.93.

(c) An enquiry was conducted and further necessary action initiated.

Running of Shatabadi Express between Delhi—Jalandhar

2957. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to start Shatabadi Express between Delhi—Jalandhar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it is likely to be started; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

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